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## Education Youth & Libraries Committee

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
215 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street  
Deborah Yates, Chair  
Marquis Harrison, Vice-Chair

### MINUTES

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Deborah Yates, Marquis Harrison, Daniel Clark, Karen Horry, Tamara Martin, Brian Benjamin (Board member), Shanelle Washington, and Jennifer Prince

**Committee Members not in Attendance:** Michelle Booker (excused), Tuesday Brooks, Michael Downie, Troy Gethers, Steven Watkins, Mari Moss-Yawn, Crystal McKay, Brandi North, and Austin Smith.

**Guests in Attendance:**  
Joe Rogers, Keith Faulkner,

**Adoption of previous month's minutes:**

**Presentation Item:**

N/A

**Discussion Item:**

Superintendent Gayle Reeves to attend October Committee Meeting

- **Topic of Discussion:** Superintendent Gayle Reeves to attend October Committee Meeting  
The committee members reviewed areas of concern with District 5 and District 3 student performance (15% at reading level), particularly the deficits in the area of literacy in District 5, and the significant shift in responsibilities for the city's Superintendents – elimination of networks and oversight of principals. Committee Member Karen Horry particularly suggested requesting additional performance data prior to the meeting to further guide October's discussion. The committee reiterated the importance of also clarifying ways in which our committee can support Superintendent Reeves' work overall.

Guests and committee members were also reminded that Superintendent Reeves is also present and reports monthly at Community Education Council Meeting for District 5. Discussion regarding the Superintendent's visit led to further discussion about the need for a meeting with Chancellor Forina to discuss the ongoing concerns in the district.

- **Result of the Discussion:** Chair Deborah Yates will reach out to Superintendent Reeves with the requests for performance data, information on new Principals, and to share with her the areas of particular interest for her presentation. Committee Members Marquis

Harrison and Karen Horry will draft a letter to the Chancellor requesting her availability for a meeting.

- Next steps for District Office on item: N/A

#### 2015-2016 Committee Goals

- **Topic of Discussion: Goal-setting for the 2015/16 Board Year**  
Chair Yates led asked the board members to share some of their goals for the work of the committee. The committee discussed the upcoming visit from the Superintendent as an opportunity to learn more about the priority issues and where we can be supportive of her work in District 5. The committee agreed that the meeting had the potential to also produce further guidelines for 2015/16 goal-setting. Also the completion of the District Needs Statement and Budget Request Priorities will also help to inform goal-setting.
- **Result of the Discussion:** The committee will use the feedback from the Superintendent's meeting and work with the District Needs Statement and Budget Request Priorities to support further goal-setting during the November meeting.
- Next steps for District Office on item: N/A

#### District Needs and Borough Request Priorities

- **Topic of Discussion: Completion of the editing of District Needs Statement(DNS) and Borough Request Priorities(BRP)**  
The formatting of the DNS has changed to mimic more closely the formatting of the BRP. Therefore Jennifer and Chair Yates will work on editing the information and updating the requests.
- **Result of the Discussion:** Jennifer and Deborah will work on editing the information, updating the requests.
- Next steps for District Office on item: N/A

#### School Visits

- **Topic of Discussion: Visiting Schools in Community Board 10**  
Chair Yates led the discussion about returning to a past practice of visiting schools in Community Board 10 – Districts 3 and 5. The purpose of school visits is to further develop a relationship with the school leadership and to encourage them to use our committee as a resource. The committee members discussed the importance of visiting both schools that are experiencing challenges and schools that have experienced great success. The committee members also discussed visiting different types of schools and broadening the list to also include early childhood programs.
- **Result of the Discussion:** Each committee member will be responsible for scheduling the visit and will use our template for questions. The committee member in charge of scheduling the visit is also charged with extending the invitation to the other committee members. Feedback from the visits will be shared with the Board and school leadership will be invited to introduce themselves and their program at the General Board Meetings.
- Next steps for District Office on item: N/A

Letters of Support for World of Money and Adult Literacy Program

- Topic of Discussion: Vote on letters of support  
The initial review of the letters of support occurred when there was not a quorum, therefore the letters were not approved by the Executive Committee. Both letters were approved by the Education Committee during the previous meeting and presentation. The committee members briefly reviewed the letters of support and voted.
- Result of the Discussion: The letters will be sent to the Executive Committee for final review.
- Next steps for District Office on item: N/A

Youth Taskforce/Youth Council

- Topic of Discussion: Committee Member Shanelle Washington asked to discuss the current state of the Youth Taskforce. Shanelle updated the committee on the current state of the taskforce and her frustrations and the committee made suggestions about how to move forward. The first suggestion was to return to the name of Youth Council instead of Taskforce. Shanelle shared her experience and awareness of other successful Community Board Youth Councils and the committee members also discussed the success of CB 10's previous Youth Council. The committee members also gave feedback on suggested formatting for the work with the students.
- Result of the Discussion: Deborah and Shanelle will meet to review the current plan for the Youth Council/Task Force and an update will be given will be given at the Executive Committee meeting. The committee was unanimous in supporting the dissolution of the taskforce and creation of the youth council.

**Business Session/Voting Items:**

Letters of Support for World of Money and Mid-Manhattan Adult Literacy Program

- Topic of Discussion: Vote on letters of support  
The initial review of the letters of support occurred with there was not quorum, therefore the letters were not approved by the Executive Committee.  
The committee members briefly reviewed the letters of support and voted.
- Result of the Discussion: The letters will be sent to the Executive Committee for final review.
- Next steps for District Office on item: Letter will be mailed out by the office following approval at the Executive Committee Meeting.

World of Money Letter of Support

Voting Item: YES 5\_\_ NO \_2\_\_ ABSTAIN \_0\_\_

Mid-Manhattan Adult Literacy Program Letter of Support

Voting Item: YES \_7\_\_ NO \_0\_\_ ABSTAIN \_0\_\_

**Items Going before the Executive Committee:**

- 1) Letter of Support for World of Money**
- 2) Letter of Support for Mid-Manhattan Adult-Literacy Program**

**Announcements:**

- Joe Rogers, Campaign for Educational Equity, shared information about the threat to additional instructional support for students who are below state standards. The Board of Regents will consider a proposal to reduce the entitlements for student. Joe shared a flyer encouraging all New Yorkers to call or email the Board of Regents to vote against the proposal.

**Next Committee Meeting / Tentative Agenda Items:**

Visit from Superintendent Gayle Reeves

*Minutes Prepared by: Jennifer Prince*